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On Behalf Of: Northwest Animal Rights Network
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3020

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hannah Thompson-Garner, and I submit this testimony on behalf of the Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN) and our Oregon members and supporters in strong support of HB 3020, which would eliminate betting on greyhound racing in Oregon.

Greyhound racing is inherently cruel, subjecting dogs to lives of confinement, dangerous track conditions, and the risk of severe injury or death. Even though live greyhound racing no longer takes place in Oregon, online betting on races continues to fuel an industry built on the exploitation of these animals. By allowing wagering on races in other states and countries, Oregon remains complicit in the suffering and mistreatment of greyhounds.

Ending greyhound race betting is not only a matter of animal welfare but also aligns with public sentiment and modern values. Many states have already taken steps to ban this inhumane practice, and Oregon has the opportunity to join them in ensuring that no profits are made from suffering.

We urge the committee to pass HB 3020 and take a stand against greyhound exploitation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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